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SUBJECT: SFCP - ADVANCE NOTICE OF ARRIVAL OF US SCIENTISTS

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1.SUGGEST EMBASSY RESPOND TO FAISECTC ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:US RECOGNIZES DESIRABILITY OF ADVANCE NOTICE FOR
ARRIVAL OF US SCIENTISTS BUT BELIEVES THAT IN MANY CASES
IT IS NOT FEASIBLE NOR NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AS MUCH AS 60
DAYS ADVANCE NOTICE. AS A GENERAL RULE WE SUGGEST 30 DAYS,
EXCEPT IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES, E.G. WHEN YUGOSLAV CON-
FIRMATION OF DATES ARRIVES IN THE US LESS THAN 30 DAYS
BEFORE THE DESIRED DATE OF ARRIVAL.

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2. FYI. OES AND AGENCIES HAVE DIFFICULTY WITH YUGOSLAV

REQUEST TO ANNOUNCE ARRIVAL OF TRAVELERS 60 DAYS IN ADVANCE. WE REALIZE THAT IN SOME PAST INSTANCES SHORT NOTICE HAS CREATED DIFFICULTIES, BUT YUGOSLAVS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AGENCIES TRY VERY HARD TO SEND NOTIFICATION AS MUCH IN ADVANCE AS POSSIBLE. WE BELIEVE THAT REQUEST FOR 60 DAYS NOTICE IS UNREASONABLE. WE SURMISE THAT INVOLVEMENT OF VARIOUS LAYERS OF GOVERNMENTAL BUREAUCRACY AT FEDERAL AND REPUBLIC LEVELS, INCLUDING SECURITY ORGANS, IS MAIN REASON FOR DELAY IN GETTING WORD TO THE RECEIVING

INSTITUTIONS. THAT SLOWNESS, INCIDENTALLY, IS PROBABLY THE REASON WHY MANY US SCIENTISTS PREFER TO WRITE DIRECTLY TO YUGOSLAV COUNTERPARTS RATHER THAN THROUGH "OFFICIAL CHANNELS". END FYI. KISSINGER

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